

July 20, 2016

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF THURMAN HELD JULY 20, 2016 AT THE TOWN HALL, 311 ATHOL ROAD, ATHOL, NEW YORK, COMMENCING AT 7:00 P.M..**

**PRESENT:** Mrs. Evelyn Wood, Supervisor  
Mrs. Gail Seaman, Councilwoman  
Mr. John Youngblood, Councilman  
Mrs. Susan Shepler, Councilwoman  
Mr. Michael Eddy, Councilman

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Jeanie Sprague, Town Clerk

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Thomas Birdsall, Assessor; Susan Baker, Assessor

The Meeting was called to order by **Evelyn Wood, Supervisor**

**PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

The purpose of the meeting tonight is to hold two Public Hearings. The first on “Proposed Local Law # 1 to Replace Elected Assessors with a Sole Appointed Assessor” and the second on “Proposed Local Law #2 the Tax Levy Limit Override for Fiscal Year 2017”.

**Supervisor Wood** wanted to bring up that we had received two letters for the Public Hearing and asked the board if they would like them read or just to say if the letter is for or against the local law(s).

The board discussed it briefly.

**Supervisor Wood** stated the consensus is to adhere to the policy we have in place regarding correspondences. We will begin with the first proposed local law.

**READING OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #1**

**TOWN OF THURMAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO CHANGE TO A SINGLE APPOINTED ASSESSOR**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thurman Town Board of the Town of Thurman will conduct a public hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2016, “A Local Law to Replace Elected Assessors with a Sole Appointed Assessor”, on Wednesday July 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 311 Athol Road, Athol, New York. At that time, all interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard.

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**Supervisor Wood** wanted to remind everyone that they can speak one time on each local law for three minutes, to direct the comments to the board and please state your name to make it easier for those that are keeping track.

**The following people spoke on the First Proposed Local Law:**

**FOR: Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hubert (letter); Ruth Keller; Rose Slemp; Bill Keller; Marilyn Hoy-Youngblood; and Steve Wood**

**AGAINST: Sally Wallace (letter); Richard Kline; Kathy Templeton; Jean Coulard; Keith Parent; Lorrone Dibble; Barbara Farrell; Joyce Eddy; Mary Eddy; Cynthia Hyde; Jim Mosher; and Michael Eddy**

**SPOKE: Gary Martin; Winefred Martin**

**Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #1 “A Local Law to Replace Elected Assessors with a Sole Appointed Assessor”, was closed at 7:30 p.m.**

**READING OF THE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW #2**

**TOWN OF THURMAN NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED LOCAL LAW TO OVERRIDE TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thurman Town Board of the Town of Thurman will conduct a public hearing on proposed Local Law #2 of 2016, “Tax Levy Limit Override for Fiscal Year 2017”, on Wednesday July 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm at the Town Hall, 311 Athol Road, Athol, New York. At that time, all interested parties will be given the opportunity to be heard.

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**The following people spoke on the Second Proposed Local Law:**

**FOR: Winefred Martin; Rose Slempe; Gary Martin; and Marilyn Hoy-Youngblood**

**AGAINST: Sally Wallace (letter); Richard Kline; Bill Keller; Barbara Farrell; Mary Eddy; Joyce Eddy; Tom Beadnell; Keith Parent; Kathy Templeton; and Ruth Keller**

**SPOKE: Matthew Seaman**

**Supervisor Wood called the Sheriff at 7:38 p.m.**

**Supervisor Wood called a recess at 7:38 p.m.**

**Supervisor Wood called the meeting back to order at 8:25 p.m.**

**Warren County Sheriff K.W. Smith made an announcement. "I just want to make an announcement. I'm here just as a presence folks. It is at the request of Supervisor Wood that people remain calm and speak one at a time, all right, and I will be at the back."**

**Public Hearing on Proposed Local Law #2 "Tax Levy Limit Override for Fiscal Year 2017" was closed at 8:36 p.m.**

**ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Councilwoman Shepler, seconded by Councilwoman Seaman the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.**

**MOTION CARRIED: 4 Ayes ~Youngblood, Wood, Seaman, Shepler**

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanie M. Sprague, Town Clerk

August 1, 2016

To the Thurman Town Board and Tax Payers:

7/20/2016

Going from 3 assessors whom have great knowledge of the town and over 25 years of experience and classes is wrong. Going to one out of town assessor with no knowledge of the town is a bad idea, although we all know that you Ms. Wood will do what you want.

Over riding the Tax cap? We all know that you have spent over \$280,000 for White Space with not one penny of reimbursement from the grant. Robbing Peter to pay Paul catching up? You are out of money and cutting down on items like Medical insurance and our Cemeteries is wrong, while you give a raise to a recycling worker. Now with pending Law Suits over the Salt contamination you need more money for lawyers. The answer for the cut back on Assessors.

Not all of us are dumb Ms. Wood, those of us that do not bobble our heads constantly in agreement with you. Know that you are dancing around the loss of the \$280,000.

Please attach this with the minutes

Thank You,

Sally Wallace

July 14, 2016

Sherman Town Board

We are unable to attend the Public Hearing.

We are in favor of changing the local law to allow for a single appointed assessor for the town of Sherman.

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Hubert  
54 Ramo's Road  
Sherman